



Washington State Department of Health  
Board of Naturopathy  
Meeting Minutes  
**May 15, 2020**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amira Ahdut, ND, LAc, Vice Chair  
Chad Aschtgen, ND, Chair  
Libby Cope, ND  
Joanne Hillary, ND  
Marsha Moody, Public Member  
Dean Neary, ND  
Deborah Wright, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Susan Gragg, Program Manager  
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director  
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate  
Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General  
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:**

Tracie Drake  
Megan Maxey  
Cori Tarzwell

**GUESTS:**

Michelle Brown-Echerd  
Lisa Chavez  
Janavieve Cook  
Jamie Doughty  
Sue Edmison  
Liubov Evmeshkina  
Mi-Jung Lee

Rachelle McCarty  
Tammy McInnis  
Kasra Pournadeali  
Amy Richards  
Eric Schoen

**OPEN SESSION**

1. **Call to Order/Introductions—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Chad Aschtgen, ND, Chair**

The meeting was called to order at 8:41 a.m.

1.1 Introduction of board, staff, guests, and audience

Chair, Chad Aschtgen, led roll call of members and staff. He then offered an introductory statement explaining the procedure of the remote meeting.

1.2 Approval of May 15, 2020, agenda

**MOTION:** Dr. Neary moved to approve the May 15, 2020 agenda as written. Dr. Ahdut second. **The motion carried. 7-0**

1.3 Approval of February 14, 2020 business meeting minutes

**MOTION:** Dr. Ahdut moved to approve the February 14, 2020 minutes as written. Dr. Neary second. **The motion carried. 7-0**

1.4 Approval of April 3, 2020 special meeting minutes

**MOTION:** Dr. Neary moved to approve the April 3, 2020 special meeting minutes as written. Second by Ms. Wright. **The motion carried. 7-0**

2. **Old Business—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Chad Aschtgen, ND, Chair**

2.1 Follow up on COVID-19 Impacts

2.1.1 Open Public Meeting Act waiver

Ms. Gragg reported that the Governor's Proclamation 20-28.2 and the legislative caucus leaders have extended the OPMA waiver through May 31, 2020. The waiver allows boards and commissions to meet in a virtual manner. However, the waiver also limits the items regulatory boards and commissions can consider during the state of emergency. The board can only address matters that are routine or necessary as it responds to the current health emergency.

Mr. Eaton, AAG, noted that Item 2.1 in the April 3, 2020 minutes indicated that further work on rule petitions requesting amendments to WAC 246-836-080 would take place at today's meeting. Because of the Proclamation 20-28.2 extension of the OPMA waiver, that work must be postponed until the restriction is lifted.

2.1.2 Agency public meetings

Ms. Gragg reported that the Secretary of the Department of Health has restricted travel for all employees through July 31, 2020. With the board's next meeting scheduled for August, it may be an in-person meeting; however, that can change if waivers and restrictions are extended. Updates and new information affecting board business is published through Govdelivery, the board's email service.

3. **New Business—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Chad Aschtgen, ND, Chair**

3.1 [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1551](#) – among other provisions, this bill repeals the HIV/AIDS training requirement for all health professions. The department will do expedited rules for all secretary professions to repeal WACs [246-12-250](#), [246-12-260](#), [246-12-270](#), and [246-12-280](#). Each board and commission needs to initiate rulemaking to repeal the specific rule sections on this topic. For this board, the rule is [WAC 246-836-410](#). Because the deadline for this rule change is the fall of 2020, this matter is included in the current agenda.

**MOTION:** Dr. Neary made the motion to authorize the filing of a CR-105 for expedited rulemaking to repeal WAC 246-836-410. Second by Dr. Ahdut. **The motion carried. 7-0.**

Ms. Gragg will draft the necessary documentation, submit it for department review, and have it filed with the office of the Code Reviser. A mandatory 45-day wait time follows once it is filed. After the 45 days, it is moved to a CR-103 and submitted for department review, and then filed with the office of the Code Reviser.

4. **Settlement Presentations—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Chad Aschtgen, ND, Chair**  
Settlement and/or Agreed Order presentations are contingent upon agreements being reached between the parties prior to a board meeting. Decisions are made in Closed Session; however, presentations and decisions are made in open session.

There were no settlement presentations.

5. **Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION—Chad Aschtgen, ND, Chair**  
The meeting adjourned by approved motion at 9:08 a.m.

6. **Discipline and Licensing**  
The board attended to licensing and disciplinary matters.

**Next Meeting:**

Date: August 14, 2020  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Location: Department of Health  
Creekside at Center Point  
Suite 310, Room 307  
20425 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.  
Kent, WA 98032 | [Directions](#)

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